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E.O.11652: ADS (DECLASS 2 /20/75)

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SUBJECT: RICE SITUATION

1. FOR THE PERIOD JULY 22 THROUGH AUGUST 18, 1974, THE RICE
SUPPLY/DISTRIBUTION SITUATION IN PHNOM PENH WAS AS FOLLOWS
(ALL FIGURES IN M/T):

BEGINNING STOCK 7/22/74	56,268
ARRIVALS: (A) MEKONG	11,031
(B) RT 5/TONLE SAP	1,020
TOTAL AVAILABILITY	68,319
LESS DISTRIBUTION 7/22 THRU 8/18	21,838
BALANCE	46,481
LESS ADJUSTMENTS	1,055
CLOSING STOCK 8/18/74	45,426

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ADJUSTMENTS ABOVE INCLUDE 500 M/T AIRLIFTED DIRECTLY FROM

SAIGON TO SVAY-RIENG.

2. STOCK POSITION: AT COB AUGUST 18, GOVERNMENT RICE STOCKS TOTALLED 45,426 M/T OR A 59-DAY SUPPLY. OF THIS AMOUNT 2,854 M/T WERE AFLOAT IN PHNOM PENH HARBOR AWAITING DISCHARGE ON THAT DATE.

AS OF AUGUST 14, KOMPONG SOM REPORTED A STOCK OF 3,571 M/T WHICH INCLUDED A SHIPMENT OF 3,197 M/T DELIVERED FROM SAIGON ON AUGUST 10.

3. DISTRIBUTION: AGAINST THE RECENTLY SET DAILY QUOTA OF 770 M/T, THE DAILY AVERAGE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE WHOLE MONTH OF JULY AVERAGED 782.8 M/T. IN THE LAST 10 DAYS OF THE REPORTING PERIOD, THE DAILY DISTRIBUTION AVERAGE WAS 660 M/T. FROM AUGUST 1 THROUGH 18 THE DAILY AVERAGE WAS 744.4 M/T.

4. RECENT MEKONG CONVOY ARRIVALS:

DATE	TONNAGE
JULY 24	3,363
JULY 31	500
AUGUST 11	5,201
AUGUST 18	1,967
TOTAL	11,031 M/T

IN THE AUGUST 11 CONVOY, THE VESSEL HY AN CARRYING GENERAL CARGO AND 500 M/T OF RICE WAS SERIOUSLY HIT BY THE ENEMY AND CAPSIZED BEFORE SHE REACHED PHNOM PENH. THESE 500 M/T ARE NO INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE AUGUST 11 TONNAGE.

5. RECENT TONLE SAP ARRIVALS:

DATE	TONNAGE
JULY 27	400.7
AUGUST 3	290.2
AUGUST 6	329.1
TOTAL	1,020.0 M/T

THE ABOVE TONNAGE WAS SHIPPED FROM KOMPONG CHHNANG TO PHNOM PENH ON USAID-CHARTERED BARGES. OTHER COMMODITIES CARRIED BY OUR CRAFT INCLUDED RICE BROKENS AND BRAN FOR ANIMAL FEED, AND SUGAR. PALSN ARE UNDERWAY FOR USAID TO BRING IN ADDITIONAL TUGS AND BOATS FROM SAIGON FOR THE TONLE SAP OPERATION.

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